THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) to (e) Yes Sir. A High Level Committee under the chairmanship of Secretary (Security), Cabinet Secretariat has been constituted to enquire into the recent incident of stowaways in Air India's flight AI-111, operating on the Mumbai-Delhi-London sector on 28.10.2001. The final report of the committee is still awaited, the following steps have been taken by Air India to ensure that such incidents do not reoccur in future: (i) Providing of photographs of domestic passengers in the Boarding Card; (ii) Different colour Boarding Card for domestic passengers; (Hi) Separate counters for domestic passengers; (iv) Profiling of domestic passengers; (v) Cabin crew will take head count; (vi) Immigration officials to check transit flight.

International Airport at Shamshabad

911. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVAITION be pleased to state the progress made in the establishment of International Airport at Shamshabad near Hyderabad?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): M/s GMR/MAHB (international consortium) has been selected as the preferred bidder by the promoters, i.e., Government of Andhra Pradesh, through a global bid process, in order to hold 74% stake of the Joint Venture (JV), for the Greenfield Airport project at Shamshabad. Detailed scrutiny of the project proposal of the preferred bidder by a designated team is currently in progress, with a view to arrive at the optimized project cost and formal selection of JV partner. Upon completion of this exercise, JV partner will be issued with the award letter by the State promoter after due processing, and entrusted with the task of execution of the project.